

8.7.3 DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM (DART)

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The Long Beach Police Department Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) works in collaboration with domestic violence advocates, sexual assault nurse examiners, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, and the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office to provide a comprehensive approach to investigating domestic violence related crimes.

8.7.3.1 DART CALL-OUT CRITERIA

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Officers shall notify a Field Supervisor and the on-call DART Detective if any of the following criteria are met:

- 1) Domestic partner felony sexual assault which occurred within the past 24 hours;
 - a) This applies to subjects who are spouses, former spouses, cohabitants, former cohabitants, or have a child in common;
 - b) If there is an alleged domestic partner sexual assault that occurred between 24 and 120 hours (5 days), contact the sexual assault nurse examiner for a forensic exam;
- 2) The victim is treated at an emergency room or admitted to a hospital due to serious bodily injury as defined in [CPC § 243\(e\)\(4\)\(f\)\(4\)](#);
- 3) The victim received serious bodily injury and refused treatment;
- 4) Chronic history of domestic violence;
 - a) Three prior reported domestic violence incidents involving the victim and suspect;
- 5) Domestic violence incidents involving the following:
 - a) Any Long Beach Police Department employee;
 - b) Any sworn law enforcement officer; regardless of agency;
 - c) Any City of Long Beach VIP or other VIP, as determined by the Watch Commander; or
 - d) At the request of the Watch Commander.

Domestic violence incidents involving City employees (non-Police Department), that do not meet the above criteria, shall be noted in the Watch Commander's Log. The log entry shall include notification to the Special Victims Section Lieutenant and the Domestic Violence Sergeant

8.7.3.2 DART CALL-OUT – OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

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If the incident is a DART call-out, notify a field supervisor. Once a field supervisor has been notified, make notification to the on-call DART Detective; if the DART Detective is responding, stand by with the victim until the DART Detective provides further instructions.

8.7.3.3 DART CALL-OUT – FIELD SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

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Field supervisors shall notify the Watch Commander of any DART call-out and ensure proper notification to the on-call Domestic Violence Detective.

8.7.3.4 DART CALL-OUT – WATCH COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES

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The Watch Commander will ensure the DART call-out is documented in the Watch Commander's Log

8.7.4 SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART)

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The Long Beach Police Department works in conjunction with sexual assault nurse examiners, sexual assault crisis advocates, child abuse advocates, and the District Attorney's Office to provide a comprehensive approach to investigating sexual assaults. The on-call Sex Crimes Detective will be notified of incidents reported within the first 24 hours of the crime occurring to determine, based on the totality of the circumstances, if they will respond; however, a forensic exam may be conducted for up to 120 hours (5 days) to retrieve evidence. Therefore, even if the Sex Crimes Detective is not responding, or the victim reports the incident after 24 hours, a forensic nurse may still respond for up to 120 hours to conduct a forensic sexual assault examination if the victim wishes an exam.